



Cape Fear Garden Club

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President's Message

GENERAL MEETING:
October 25, 2023

Cape Fear Country Club

9:15 - 9:30 a.m.

Horticulture Judging

9:30 a.m.

Hospitality & Social Period

10:00 a.m.

Meeting Called to Order

Devotional:
Rebecca Hardy

Program: **“Presentation of 2023 CFGC Grant Awards”** Presenter: Sandy Cyphers - Grant Distribution Chair. Recipients will receive their awards and have a moment to speak to members

Refreshment Table
Arrangement:
Lynnea Mallalieu

Horticulture Theme: **Roses and Chrysanthemums**
Day Clerks: Jina Shea
Banner, Marcia Doering

Judges: Marcia Doering,
Barbara Howard or Karen Root.

A \$20 late fee will be incurred if dues are not paid by October 31.

Dear CFGC Member,

We have finally gotten some cooler weather and I love it!

Yesterday, I was out in my front yard, and with my “good hand,” I managed to trim and fill one trash bag full of debris. I also arranged my mums, pumpkins and straw bale. I was exhausted when I finished but came into the house with a big smile.



Tuesday, October 10th, was the District 11 Garden Club North Carolina meeting in Jacksonville, NC. Delores and I headed up Rt. 17 very early to be on time. We were so excited to receive a blue first-place ribbon and accept the Rusty Van Pelt Yearbook Award for the efforts of many who were diligent in their commitment to producing a yearbook other clubs are envious of. *YAY! For the Yearbook Committee!* We now go on to the State level of the competition. I will make sure to keep you posted.

I have shared a recipe with all of you that I have made for years and years. It is a fresh apple cake. 'Tis the season for apple picking, and if you're lucky enough to get some fresh apples from the orchard, try this and share with your family.

I want to repeat a sincere thank you to all of you who sent me a card or a text, stopped by for a visit, brought food, and kept me in your prayers after my



accident. My arm and wrist are healing. I am on my third cast and will start therapy tomorrow.

You all are the best!

Fondly,

Deb

Debbie Reid
President
Cape Fear Garden Club 2023-2024

Fresh Apple Cake



Enjoy!

Ingredients:

- Three eggs
- One 1/2 cups of oil
- 2 cups of sugar
- 3 cups of all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp of soda
- 1 tsp of salt
- 2 tsp of vanilla
- 1/2 -1 tsp of cinnamon
- 1 cup of chopped nuts
- 3 cups of peeled/chopped apples

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- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1/4 cup of milk
- One stick of butter

Directions:

- Mix oil, eggs, and sugar. Blend. Add flour, salt, and soda. Blend.
- Add vanilla, cinnamon, apples, and nuts. Blend well.
- Bake 350 degrees for one hour and 15 minutes in a 10" tube pan that has been greased and floured.

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- Combine the three ingredients. Cook for 2 1/2 minutes, stirring constantly.
- Pour over the cake while the cake is still hot in the pan. It will ooze down the sides and come out ideally once cooled and you tip it over on a cake plate.

Enjoy, and save me a piece if you make it!

Don't Forget to Pay Your Dues
2023 Cape Fear Garden Club Dues Notice

Dues are Due

Cape Fear Garden Club Dues should be paid in September... If you have not paid your dues...Please pay by October 31st to avoid a \$20 late fee. You may pay at the October General Meeting. Cash or Check made out to CFGC.

Active Member dues are \$100

Associate Member dues are \$110

Emeritus dues are \$12 (Optional, to cover State and National Membership)

If you will not be attending the October meeting, please mail your check to our treasurer:

Penelope Allison

1323 Futch Creek Road

Wilmington, NC 28411

Please make checks payable to Cape Fear Garden Club.

OPTIONAL - Add \$4.00 if you would like to receive your Yearbook via USPS.

Dues may also be paid in the Member Area of our website via PayPal. Online payments will incur a \$3 convenience charge, and there is an option included to pay the \$4 postage to have a Yearbook mailed to you.

[Pay Your Dues Online](#)

Ladies Lunching

Reservations are available for the October Luncheon

We appreciate everyone who stayed for lunch after the September meeting. Remember, the lunch cost is only \$25.00 this year.

Be sure to make your reservation when the Invitation comes to your email. Reserve your seat!

Please RSVP to [Penny Allison](#) no later than Thursday, October 19th.

The lunch menu for the October 25th luncheon will be “Sandwiches and Wraps” Chef’s Choice sandwiches and wraps with one vegetarian option with club chips, tossed salad, and freshly baked cookies.

Committees that would like to meet while having lunch may do so. Please let me know at deloreshawes@yahoo.com, and I’ll reserve a table for your committee in the area where we have tea, coffee, and snacks before the general meeting. Remember to return your lunch dishes to the dining area after your meeting.

Delores Hawes



Azalea Garden Tour Grants



\$52,816.58 in Azalea Garden Tour grants will be awarded to nineteen organizations at the General Meeting. Plus, five standing grants totaling \$24,300 will also be given. The total approved grant for 2023 is \$77,116.58!

All the hard work and dedication from the club members to the Azalea Garden Tour made these funds available to disburse!

Thank you for your continued involvement in making this another successful Garden Tour!

[Sandy Cyphers](#)
2nd Vice President

CFGC Workshops



SAVE THE DATE ON YOUR CALENDARS!

Tuesday, October 17, 2023

Come join fellow CFGC members for “FUN & FELLOWSHIP” while creating a beautiful Christmas Tree.

Presenter: The multi-talented CFGC member Beth Trice

Where: NHC Arboretum 1:30-3:00 p.m.

Be part of the “FUN!” Door Prizes!

****PROGRAM CANCELLATION****

Due to scheduling conflicts, the program/class scheduled for November 21st, 1:30-3 p.m., at the Arboretum is canceled.

Hillary McNeir will give her MANTLEPIECE AND WREATH DECOR presentation at the CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA (see below for details) on November 11 at 10 a.m. at Winter Park Baptist Church.

MEETING SPACE AVAILABLE

Due to a scheduling conflict and cancelation, the Arboretum has an opening on November 21, 1:30-3 p.m. If anyone would like to assume that time slot for a meeting, don't hesitate to contact Sandy Cyphers before November 15th at 910-367-3295. Otherwise, we will cancel the room. Thank you.

TO CLUB MEMBERS WHO ARE RETAIL SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS

Cape Fear Garden Club is holding a CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA at Winter Park Baptist Church on November 11th from 10 am-12 pm. If you are a club member and own a small business selling items that are Christmas-related, please get in touch with [Hillary McNeir](#) at 910-431-1737 for an opportunity to display a sampling of your wares at this event and introduce our members to new shopping venues.

I look forward to hearing from you.



Bees, Birds and Butterflies

Bees, Birds and Butterflies Committee invite all garden club members to an event on Friday, November 10th!

Here are the details:

EVENT: Guest speaker Jessy O'Keefe of Seaside Honeybees

PLACE: Arboretum

DATE: Friday, November 10th

TIME: 10 am - 11:15 am

[Angela Rigsbee](#)



Battery Island

Please join us for the first Battery Island Committee meeting for the 2023-24 CFGC year immediately following the October General Meeting...October 25th.

We will meet in the lobby gathering place and stay for lunch if you can! We have several new members to the committee this year, and we look forward to meeting you and sharing committee plans for the 2023-24 club year!



A SPECIAL HOLIDAY GATHERING hosted by the Battery Island Committee!

The Battery Island Committee is hosting our 2nd annual holiday gathering, including the entire Cape Fear Garden Club, for a special "after-hours" social and shopping event at the Wild Bird & Garden Store in Hanover Center. Refreshments, wine, and holiday cheer are planned! We had a great time last year and decided to do this again!

Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, November 8th, from 5-7 PM** for early holiday gift shopping with a generous discount for our club provided by our friend, Jill Peleuses, the store owner. Jill and her staff are opening the store just for us after regular store hours.

The WB&G staff are wonderful Cape Fear Garden Club supporters by selling Azalea Garden Tour tickets. In addition, they provide the Battery Island Committee with a public place to sell and promote the annual Bird Cruise tickets.

[Marlene Eader](#) & [MaryLou Moeller](#), Co-Chairs

Airlie Showcase Garden Committee

Airlie Showcase Committee ended our Garden Club Year in June with a wonderful gathering along the Intracoastal Waterway enjoying scrumptious wine and snacks while gazing at the boats going by.

As one of the few committees that work year-round, we are genuinely committed to our Garden.

Kicking off the new year, we met in September and were fascinated by how wonderful our spring plantings had taken root. We enjoyed coffee and cake while getting to know our newest members. We scattered our love, mulch, and new ideas for the coming year!

We continue to work in four teams each monitoring a week a month to keep our Garden fresh and healthy.

The whole committee will meet the week before Thanksgiving to decorate for Enchanted Airlie! Everyone is welcome to join in the fellowship and fun!

Thanks to our committee for their commitment to scatter the seeds of love and fascinate all visitors to our Garden.

[Marylou Moeller](#) and [Mary Beth Farrior](#) Co-chairs

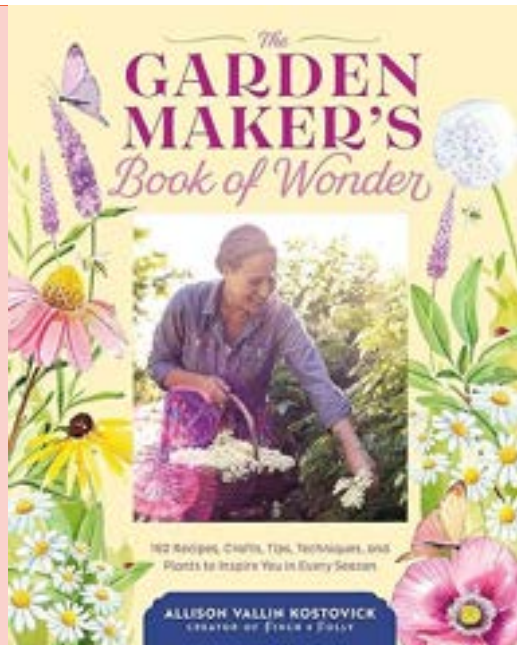


In Memoriam

Nancy Ellsworth Fauser, an Emeritus Cape Fear Garden Club member, passed away on September 15, 2023. She had been a member of the club for 20 years.

The New Hanover County Public Library selected a book in her memory - "The Garden Maker's Book of Wonder: 162 Recipes, Crafts, Tips, Techniques, and Plants to Inspire You in Every Season" by Allison Vallin Kostovick.

Diane Smith
CFGCL Librarian



Horticultural Minute Gardening Tips for October

Trees to Remove from the Landscape



The North Carolina Invasive plant list includes several common trees in the coastal plains: Mimosa, Tree of Heaven, and Chinese Tallow Tree.

North Carolina Bradford Tree Bounty is a statewide effort to remove the Bradford Pear tree, a highly invasive species.

The Bradford Pear is a NON-NATIVE, it was brought to the United States from China in early 1900s. It was believed that these trees would not be able to spread. However, different cultivars can cross, allowing them to escape into our natural forests. These trees spread quickly, outcompeting native species and because they produce leaves earlier than other trees, Callery pear trees can shade out native plants. In addition, Bradford pear trees are structurally weak and readily break during storms. The smell when flowering is very stinky!!

NHC residents who remove their Bradford Pear trees will receive free replacement trees on November 4. [YOU MUST REGISTER.](#) If you miss the deadline, please remove your Bradford Pear tree this winter and replace with a flowering native such as, Eastern Redbud, Flowering Dogwood, or Serviceberry. [Register for Bradford Pear Bounty](#)

[Marcia Doering](#), Retired Arborist, International Society of Arboriculture

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Bloomin' Bucks

with Brent and Becky's Bulbs

It's so easy...Just go online to www.bloominbucks.com for your color landscaping needs! Choose from the drop-down, Cape Fear Garden Club and this will take you to their website. Choose your plants - there is a vast selection of bulbs, perennials, supplements, books, tools, home accessories, and more! Practically anything you will want or need for your garden! In any quantity you need! In any color you want!

Brent and Becky's Bulbs will take your order and ship it directly to your front door! And 25% of your total purchase supports the Cape Fear Garden Club!

There isn't an easier way to help support Cape Fear Garden Club and beautify your landscape!

[Blooming Bucks](#)

Gather, Grow, Give Campaign

It's that time of year again when many of us begin making year-end charitable giving plans for the organizations we hold near and dear.

Our most recent survey results showed that 89% of our Garden Club respondents favored direct donations as the preferred fundraising method for our club if there was a way to designate where their donations would go – and we heard you!

With that in mind, we are delighted to remind members of our upcoming annual "Gather, Grow, Give" Campaign, which offers you the opportunity to provide financial support for our Cape Fear Garden Club and support the many good works we do in our community.

Please consider including us in your charitable giving activities for 2023. Gifts may be designated for the Centennial Committee, the Endowment Fund, the Azalea Garden Tour, and/or the Unrestricted Fund. We aim for 100% participation from our Garden Club members – *no donation is too large or too small!*

We successfully added a convenient link on the CFGC website to enable individuals to make tax-deductible donations online easily.

Thanks for your 2023 annual support of the "Gather, Grow, Give" Campaign and for your excellent work in our community.

[Meg Davenport](#) and [Meredith Lewis](#)

Make Your Donation Safely and
Securely Online

Mail In Donation Form



Gardening For Wildlife

Big News!

The Gardening for Wildlife (GFW) Committee met and unanimously voted to work towards having the City of Wilmington Wildlife Certified!

The goal is to have the City of Wilmington wildlife certified by our Centennial Celebration In 2024!

So now is the time to work towards having your garden wildlife certified! You would be surprised how simple this process can be; if you need tech help, we are available to help! (Email Becky Hardy for tech assistance at rebecca.hardy3@gmail.com).

We have also worked with the Azalea Garden Tour Committee to invite the garden owners to have their gardens certified.

We will present the January program at the General Meeting to discuss how to winterize your garden for wildlife and plan to have a speaker from the NC Wildlife Federation to help promote our plan for City Certification.

Please take a minute to review the picture (below) about certification and see how easy this process can be! Or go to www.ncwf.org for the steps to have your garden certified.



Our committee will next meet on Wednesday, November 8th at 4 p.m. at the home of Delores Hawes, 214 Quail Ridge Road. The time and date of the meeting may be subject to change as we are hoping to hold a Zoom meeting with our representative from NC Wildlife.

Creating a Wildlife Habitat

Provide Food for Wildlife

Seeds from a plant • Berries • Nectar • Foliage/Twigs • Nuts • Fruits • Sap • Pollen • Suet

Supply Water for Wildlife

Birdbath • Lake • Stream • Seasonal Pool • Ocean • Water Garden/Pond • River • Butterfly Puddling Area • Rain Garden • Spring

Create Cover for Wildlife

Wooded Area • Bramble Patch • Ground Cover • Rock Pile or Wall • Cave • Roosting Box • Dense Shrubs or Thicket • Evergreens • Brush or Log Pile • Burrow • Meadow or Prairie • Water Garden or Pond

Give Wildlife a Place to Raise Their Young

Mature Trees • Meadow or Prairie • Nesting Box • Wetland • Cave • Host Plants for Caterpillars • Dead Trees or Snags • Dense Shrubs or a Thicket • Water Garden or Pond • Burrow



Additional Information:

North Carolina Wildlife Federation www.ncwf.org
National Wildlife Federation www.nwf.org
Cape Fear Garden Club/Gardening for Wildlife <https://www.facebook.com/gardeningforwildlifecf/>



Edible Gardens



Edible Gardens Committee got off to a busy start this October. At Annie's Garden on 9th and Dock St., we built three metal containers to create raised beds for two neighbors. We got good with nuts and bolts construction!

We also volunteered to work at Eden Village, helping James, a resident, with the weeding from 9-11 a.m. Eden Village is a newly completed neighborhood of 31 tiny homes for the unhoused in Wilmington. They are trying to get their gardens growing to supply needed greens for use in the Village along with the many fruit trees and bushes we planted last year. It is genuinely a positive move in our city to help the less fortunate.

All are welcome to help with the gardening. Our Committee volunteers on the 2nd Thursday of each month.

Cathy Giannini

Membership status changes from September 1 to October 6, 2023

Phyllis Goodson. Associate to Active
Annamarie Eakins Active to Resign
Harriett Kimbro Active to Resign
Kathryn Maland. Active to Resign
Nancy Davis Symmes Emeritus to Resign
Nancy Fauser Emeritus to Deceased



Please let the President and the Membership Committee Chair know if you need to change your membership status.

As of October 6, we have received 18 applications for new members for 2024. All new applications must be received by December 31.

Submitted, [Linda Snider](#), Membership Committee Chair

September Correspondence

Prayers for Gail Ward's son John.

Happy 95th Birthday to Carolyn Augustine on September 25th.

Condolences to the family of Nancy Fauser, who passed away on September 15th.

Knee replacement for Terry Wilson on September 26th.

NOTE: Please report needs for notes from Cape Fear Garden Club to Irene Shea, and please be sure to include contact information.

Thank you, [Irene Shea](#)
Corresponding Secretary



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Submissions for Clipping must be received no later than two weeks before the general meeting. Send all 2023-2024 submissions to clippingscfge@gmail.com



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